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(India)

Draft Minutes of 70th Meeting of the Board of Governors held on 29th November, 2019 at VNIT, Nagpur.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Shri Vishram Jamdar, Industrialist | Chairman |
| 2. Dr. P.M. Padole, Director, VNIT, Nagpur | Member |
| 3. Shri D K Singh, Deputy Secretary (IFD), MHRD, New Delhi (Thro' Skype) | Member |
| 4. Shri Indrajit Kuri, Under Secretary, MHRD, New Delhi (Thro' Skype) | Member |
| 5. Mr. V.K. Divekar, NIT Council Representative (Thro' Skype) | Member |
| 6. Ms.K.Niveditha Reddy, NIT Council Representative | Member |
| 7. Dr.D.R.Peshwe, Professor of Metallurgical and Materials Engg. | Member |
| 8. Dr. Y.M. Puri, Associate Professor in Mech. Engg., VNIT, Nagpur | Member |
| 9. Dr. S.R. Sathe, Registrar, VNIT, Nagpur | Secretary |

The comments were received from MHRD (Bureau) and the same have been considered while preparing the minutes.

70.01 To confirm the minutes of 69th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th September 2019 at VNIT Nagpur.

The Draft Minutes of the 69th meeting of the Board of Governors held on 14th September 2019 are placed at **Annexure-I**.

The Board is requested to confirm the minutes.

Resolution: The BoG confirmed the minutes of 69th meeting of Board of Governors.

70.02 To note the Action Taken Report on resolutions of the 69th meeting of the Board of Governors.

Item No	Agenda	Resolution	Action taken
69.05	Institute convocation on 15th September 2019. The VNIT is organizing 17th Convocation on 15th September 2019. All BoG members are cordially invited to grace the occasion. The list of degree recipients and Medal/prizes for 17th Convocation is enclosed in (Annexure-V & VI) for BoG approval. BoG is requested to approve.	BoG approved the list of degree recipients and Medal and prizes winners for 17th Convocation along with additional list of Ph.D. – 28 and M.Tech. - 03.	The degrees, Medals and prizes are given during 17th Convocation on 15th September 2019.

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<p>69.06</p>	<p>To consider the renewal of lease agreement of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL), Nagpur.</p> <p>The request letter from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL), Nagpur regarding renewal of lease agreement for VNIT substation has been received by VNIT, Nagpur.</p> <p>The said matter has been discussed vide item no.67.08 and item no.59.11</p> <p>Resolution 59.11:BoG resolved to refer the matter related to renewal of lease agreement for VNIT Sub Station with Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., Nagpur to MHRD mentioning the advantages extended by MSEDCL to VNIT, Nagpur.</p> <p>Accordingly, the letter has been sent to MHRD vide No. Admn/2864 dated 21/05/2019.</p> <p>Presently, VNIT, Nagpur has received a letter from MHRD dated 12th July, 2019 (Annexure-VII) stating that the matter has to be decided by Board of Governors based on specific recommendations of the Institute. The recommendation of the Institute are enclosed in (Annexure -VIII).</p> <p>Hence, BoG is requested to approve the renewal of lease agreement for VNIT Sub Station as lease rent at Rs. 1/- per annum.</p>	<p>BoG resolved that the Institute should formulate the committee (under the Chairmanship of Dean (P&D) and Associate Dean (Elect. Maint. being a member) to discuss regarding renewal of lease agreement and the committee should submit specific recommendations after the due deliberation. The committee should submit the report for its consideration during subsequent BoG meeting.</p>	<p>The Committee report is enclosed in Annexure-II.</p>
<p>69.07</p>	<p>Regarding expiry of lease deed and non payment of rent by Maharashtra Remote Sensing Applications Centre (MRSAC), Nagpur.</p> <p>As per the 66th meeting of Board of Governors Item No. 66.02, VNIT, Nagpur has</p>	<p>BoG noted the contents of MRSAC BoG Item No. 47.4.1 & BoG resolved that the Institute should send a letter to MRSAC regarding payment of rent along with the arrears from 25/09/2018.</p>	<p>The letter has been sent to MRSAC.</p>

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<p>sent a letter dated 18th March 2019 to MRSAC along with the rent agreement format for payment of rent along with the arrears from 25/09/2018. The rent has been calculated based on the CPWD rate which works out to be Rs. 7,13,932/- per month with effect from date of expiry of original lease. Subsequently, the reminder letters dated 25th April, 2019 and 28th June, 2019 were sent. However, till date the rent has not been deposited by MRSAC, Nagpur.</p> <p>Presently, Director, VNIT, Nagpur has received the letter No. MRSAC/GB(47th)/4195/2019-20 dated July 8, 2019 along with the approved minutes of 47th Governing Body of MRSAC, Nagpur. (Annexure-IX)</p> <p>The MRSAC BoG Item No. 47.4.1 is as given below:</p> <p>47.4.1 The Director MRSAC & Member Secretary, Governing Body of MRSAC apprised the Governing Body about the issue of renewal of lease of land of 0.3 hectare located in the premises of VNIT, Nagpur (formerly known as VRCE) and is in possession of MRSAC. He further apprised about the decision of the Board of Directors of VNIT regarding vacating of the premises by MRSAC.</p> <p>The Chairman, MRSAC & Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra advised Director MRSAC & Member Secretary, Governing Body of MRSAC to locate a suitable land in Nagpur City including vacant land belonging to State Government of Maharashtra, Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth Akola or Maharashtra Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Science University or any State Government Bodies /</p>		
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	<p>Agencies which can be considered for allotment to MRSAC and accordingly submit proposal to the Planning Department.</p> <p>BoG is requested to deliberate.</p>		
69.08	<p>To accept resignation letter of Dr. Ankit Kathuria, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Civil Engineering Dept.</p> <p>Dr. Ankit Kathuria, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Civil Engineering Dept. has submitted the resignation letter with a request to relieve him as per rules. (Annexure - X).</p> <p>As per NIT Statutes, his resignation is accepted and he will be /stand relieved from services of VNIT w.e.f. 04.09.2019(A.N). He should obtain clearance from all respective sections and no vigilance and departmental enquiry pending / initiated against him.</p> <p>BoG is requested to approve.</p>	Approved.	<p>Dr. Ankit Kathuria, Assistant Professor Grade-II, Civil Engineering Dept. has been relieved from the services as per the rules.</p>
69.09.01	<p>To approve the document for calling Eoi to be published in newspaper and VNIT website regarding selection of a technology partner to set up a Centre of Excellence in the field of Industry 4.0 and digitalization at VNIT Nagpur.</p> <p>As per the Guidelines received from MHRD No.F.No.10-8/2018-TS.III dated 27th August 2019, the document related to Expression of Interest (EOI) is prepared by the institute.(Annexure-XI). The EOI Document containing the details of qualification criteria, submission requirement, brief objective & scope of work and</p>	<p>BoG approved proposal for calling EOI as per the guidelines received from MHRD No.F.No.10-8/2018-TS.III dated 27th August 2019 from the eligible firms giving 15 days period after publishing advertisement in newspapers and on VNIT website.</p>	<p>The advertisement in leading newspapers and institute website has been given. The separate agenda is included as item no.70.11</p>

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	<p>evaluation criteria etc. are enclosed in Annexure-XII . Hence, VNIT Nagpur proposes to invite sealed Expression of Interest (EOI) from the eligible firms for Selection of a Technology Partner to set up a Centre of Excellence for Research and Development and imparting high-end skill training in the field of Industry 4.0 and Digitalization. BoG is requested to approve.</p>		
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BoG is requested to note.

Resolution: i) BoG noted the action taken report.

ii) VNIT, Nagpur should sent a letter to MSEDCL based on the report submitted by the committee.

70.03 To approve the recommendations of 58th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th September 2019.

The recommendations of 58th meeting of the Finance Committee held on 14th September 2019 are placed in **Annexure-III**.

The BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution: BoG approved the minutes of 58th meeting of Finance Committee.

70.04 To approve the proceedings of 59th meeting of Finance Committee held on 29th November 2019.

The proceedings of 59th meeting of Finance Committee held on 29th November 2019 are placed in **Annexure-IV**.

The BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution: The proceedings of 59th meeting of Finance Committee are approved subject to confirmation of minutes in next Finance Committee meeting

70.05 To approve the minutes of 57th Building and Works Committee meeting.

The 57th Building and Works Committee minutes are placed in **Annexure-V**.

The BoG is requested to note.

Resolution: BoG approved the minutes of 57th Building and Works Committee meeting.

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70.06 To consider MACP cases as per the letter received from National Commission for Scheduled Castes in connection with the representation of Shri Ashok Kashinath Ramteke, Technical Assistant (Sanitation).

VNIT Nagpur is in receipt of letter from National Commission for Scheduled Castes along with Minutes of Hearing dated 16.07.2019 in connection with the representation of Shri Ashok Kashinath Ramteke, Technical Assistant (Sanitation). (Annexure-VI)

As per the minutes of NCSC, "The Registrar is advised to put up the cases of MACP to the BoG so that discrimination, if any, is removed and these employees are given MACP w.e.f. the due date."

Hence, these facts along with all relevant details are put up as an agenda point to BoG for its deliberation and necessary directives. (Annexure-VII)

Resolution: After detailed deliberations, BoG noted that there is no discrimination in all these cases and based on APAR evaluation the MACP has been withheld initially and was granted subsequently. Hence, MACP is not admissible to these employees (including Shri Ashok K Ramteke) from the due date.

70.07 To approve signing of MoU between VNIT, Nagpur and M/s Minex Metallurgy Co.Ltd., Mumbai.

VNIT, Nagpur proposes to sign MOU with M/s Minex Metallurgy Co.Ltd., Mumbai

The draft copy of MOU is enclosed (Annexure – VIII).

BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution: Approved. The details related to testing are put up in Annexure-VIIIa and are duly incorporated in the MOU.

70.08 To consider the request of Dr.O.G.Kakde regarding grant of HAG scale.

Dr.O.G.Kakde, Professor of Computer Science has been appointed as Director, IIIT, Nagpur with effect from 26.06.2018 and he submitted the request letter for grant of HAG scale.

Accordingly, the item had been placed in 67th BoG, the details of which are as follows:

67.09 To approve the request of Dr.O.G.Kakde regarding grant of HAG scale.

Dr.O.G.Kakde has been appointed as Director, IIIT, Nagpur and was relieved on deputation to join on 26th June 2018.

As per the MHRD circular no.F.No.34-9/2012-TS-III dated 22nd March 2013 point (4), it is stated that all NITs should follow the guidelines while fixing the HAG Scales to 20% Professors including the Director's on deputation. (Annexure-VIII)

As per the said circular Dr.O.G.Kakde is eligible to get HAG scale with effect from 26th June 2018.

BoG is requested to approve.

Resolution: VNIT, Nagpur should write a letter to IIIT Section for verifying the status of IIIT, Nagpur (PPP model) as regards CFTI for the purpose of grant of HAG Scale.

Subsequently, VNIT, Nagpur has written a letter to IIIT Section.

Presently, Prof.O.G.Kakde has submitted an application along with the copy of agenda and minutes of 2nd meeting IIIT(PPP) Coordination Forum(Council), item no 2.12 with a request to grant him HAG Scale from the date of Deputation. i.e 26th June 2018 **(Annexure-IX)**. As per agenda item 2.12 and its resolution, the Forum approved the proposal regarding grant of HAG Scale in respect of Professor of CFTIs who are serving as Directors in IIITs.

Hence, BoG is requested to deliberate and approve.

Resolution: VNIT Nagpur should write a letter to IIIT section seeking clarification regarding the IIIT Forum Agenda item no 2.12 and its resolution.

70.09 Regarding formation of committee related to pay fixation of Associate Professor.

The item was placed in 68th BoG related to formation of committee related to pay fixation of Associate Professor the details of which are as given below: **(Annexure – X)**.

68.13 To approve the formation of committee related to pay fixation of Associate Professor.

The Institute is in receipt of letter from VNIT Staff Association related to pay fixation of Associate Professor (Old designation Assistant Professor) to be promoted under CAS (Annexure-X). The said matter has been placed vide item No. 46.07 during 46th BoG Meeting held on Friday, 12th June 2015, the details of which are as given below :

46.07 Pay fixation of existing Associate Professor appointed under Career Advancement Scheme (CAS)

As per letter No.F.33-7/2011-TS-III dated 14th March 2012, for a faculty member, there should be no distinction drawn between faculty selected under a CAS post or a direct selection post and this distinction is abolished completely. However, the benefits pertaining to this, has not been extended to Associate Professor selected under CAS. Therefore, it is proposed to extend their legitimate benefits to existing Associate Professors of this institute under this category and their fixation should be done accordingly. Details of MHRD letter and cases are given in Annexure- II. BOG is requested to approve and give guidelines.

Resolution: The BoG has advised to form a Committee that includes one member from the IFD, MHRD who is familiar with above issue. The terms of reference of the committee would include the recommendation of action.

The committee was formed but somehow the recommendations of committee were not submitted. Hence, BoG is once again requested to form the committee with an expert from IFD, MHRD.

Resolution: BoG approved the formation of local committee to be constituted by the Director related to pay fixation of Associate Professor and the committee should include a member from other NIT.

On this agenda item, the comments received from MHRD is as given below:

Comments: The resolution is very brief. The issues involved may be explained.

Hence, the matter is once again placed as an item to BoG for its deliberation.

Resolution: BoG approved the formation of local committee to be constituted by the Director related to pay fixation of Associate Professor.

70.10 To ratify signing of MoU between VNIT, Nagpur and M/s Persistent Systems Ltd., Nagpur.

VNIT, Nagpur has signed an MOU with M/s Persistent Systems Ltd., Nagpur.

The copy of MOU is enclosed (**Annexure – XI**).

BoG is requested to ratify.

Resolution: Ratified.

70.11 To approve setting up of Centre of Excellence for Research and Development and for imparting high-end skill training in the field of Industry 4.0 and Digitalization.

As per the resolution of item. no. 69.09.01 and the guidelines received from MHRD No.F.No.10-8/2018-TS.III dated 27th August 2019, the Expression of Interest (EOI) from eligible firms were invited by publishing advertisement in leading newspapers and on VNIT website. Subsequently, the Pre Bid Meeting was organised on 24th October 2019 and 05 firms participated for the Pre Bid meeting.

VNIT, Nagpur has received sealed EOI(BID) Technical Bid and Financial Bid duly filled in by M/s Siemens Industry Software(India)Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi. The Technical Bid and Financial Bid has been evaluated as per the criteria by the committee constituted for the purpose. The Committee report is attached in **Annexure-XII**.

Hence, BoG is requested to approve setting up of Centre of Excellence for Research and Development and for imparting high-end skill training in the field of Industry 4.0 and Digitalization by signing an MOA with M/s Siemens Industry Software(India)Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi.

Resolution: : BoG approved the setting up of Centre of Excellence for Research and Development and for imparting high-end skill training in the field of Industry 4.0 and Digitalization as per the guidelines received from MHRD No.F.No.10-8/2018-TS.III dated 27th August 2019 by signing an MOA with M/s Siemens Industry Software(India)Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi. The undertaking regarding compliance of all the terms and conditions mentioned in the MHRD letter was submitted by M/s Siemens Industry Software(India)Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi. M/s Siemens Industry Software (India) Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi has agreed to train 30000 students over the period of three years.

An amount of Rs.25 Crores (approx.) excluding GST through IRG will be utilized for payment of VNIT contribution for setting up of Centre of Excellence as approved in finance committee and other necessary expenditure for site preparations like civil works, electrical fittings and computer networking etc.

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70.12 To approve the mapping related to Non-teaching staff (Group B & C) including supporting staff.

MHRD vide Letter No. F.35-5/2018-TS-III dated 20th February 2019 has issued Recommendations of Oversight committee for removal of anomalies of non-teaching staff and revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non Teaching in the NITs. The recruitment rules dated 20th February 2019 are accepted by the BoG of the institute in its 66th meeting held on 07.03.2019.

The committee had been constituted vide O/o No. Admn. /Committee/1786 dated 29th March 2019 to study MHRD Letter No. F.35-5/2018-TS-III dated 20th February 2019 regarding revised Recruitment Rules (RRs) for Non Teaching in the NITs.

As per guidelines of RR's 2019 those employees who were at higher Grade Pay/ Pay Level (because of MACP only) as on 07.03.2019 have been considered for mapping to the post corresponding to such higher Grade Pay/ Pay Level. Accordingly, committee had worked out the proposed mapping of Non-Teaching Group B & C staff including supporting staff.

The committee has submitted its report along with the proposed mapping of Group B & C (including supporting staff) cadre wise to the Director VNIT Nagpur. **(Annexure-XIII).**

Hence, BoG is requested to approve the mapping of Group B & C (including supporting staff).

Resolution: BoG approved the mapping of Group B & C (including supporting staff).

70.13 To consider request for clarification on one time measure, specific issues in isolation and fruitful interpretation of OM dated 20th February 2019.

The Circular No. VNIT/Committee /Mapping/6099 dated 07th Nov 2019 was issued by the institute for raising objections, if any (related with mapping only) on the proposed mapping with supporting documents.

In response to the above circular total- 13 No of grievances were received by the institute. These grievances were examined by the committee and it was observed that none of the grievances are related with mapping as per RR-2019 provisions. These are old grievances regarding re-fixation of pay and it was opined that these should be dealt separately.

Further, VNIT Non Teaching Staff Association, Nagpur has given a letter requesting the institute to issue clarification on one time measure, specific issues in isolation and fruitful interpretation of OM dated 20th February 2019 **(Annexure-XIV)**

Vide this letter, they further requested that

a) The past service be counted from 5th February 2014 for promotion through DPC with effect from 7th March 2019 or as per the actual date of conduct of DPC after 7th March 2019 and not retrospectively from 5th February 2014.

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b) Those old employees who have completed 20 years of regular service may be mapped to the next higher Grade pay as ONE TIME MEASURE as it is mapped in case of teaching fraternity.

Hence, BoG is requested to deliberate.

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Resolution: BoG asked the institute to form the committee to look into the grievances of employees of Group B & C (including supporting staff). This Committee should submit its report within three weeks.

70.14 To consider request received from VNIT Non Teaching Staff Association, Nagpur related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance.

VNIT Non Teaching Staff Association, Nagpur has submitted a letter related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance to be extended for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners) of VNIT Nagpur along with dependent family members(Annexure-XV).

The said matter has been discussed in earlier BoG , the details of which are as given below:

67.10 To consider request related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance.

Dr.I.L.Muthereja, Professor of Mining Engg. was a Board Member from May 2012 to December 2014. During his tenure an agenda item no 31.08 has been placed related to Post Retirement Medical Assistance, the details of which are as given below:

31.08 The scheme for Post Retirement Medical Assistance.

Resolution: The Board supported the idea and appreciated the role of VNIT as a leader in thinking and suggested to forward the proposal to Ministry of HRD along with our inputs for framing uniform policy for all the NITs.

As per Dr.I.L.Muthereja, the said matter was once again discussed during 36th BoG meeting held on 14th September 2013 but was not included in minutes as it was not a part of agenda.

He had once again submitted the proposal related Post Retirement Medical Assistance along with all details for its consideration. (Annexure-IX).

The said matter was also deliberated during 63rd BoG, the details of which are as given below:

63.04: To submit the detailed proposal related to Post Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS) for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners)of VNIT Nagpur.

As per the BoG Item No. 62.18.03, a Committee is constituted to prepare a detailed proposal regarding Post Retirement Medical Scheme (PRMS) for retired employees (Pensioners and Family Pensioners) of VNIT Nagpur vide Office Note No. D/483 dated August 6, 2018. (Annexure-IV).

BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: Under Secretary, IFD informed the BoG that the Group Insurance Medical Benefit scheme is under consideration for present as well retired employees of NITs at MHRD level. Hence, the proposal related to PRMS need not be considered.

The BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: Dy. Secretary (IFD) informed the Board members that Group Insurance Medical Benefit Scheme is under consideration at MHRD level.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

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Resolution: As per MHRD, the matter is under consideration and hence the request of VNIT Non teaching staff association cannot be considered at this stage.

70.15 Any other item with the permission of Chair.

70.15.01 The matter related to Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on contract for five years at VNIT Nagpur.

VNIT Nagpur has put up the agenda item related to the matter related to Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on contract for five years at VNIT Nagpur in 67th BoG the details of which are given below:

67.12 To deliberate on the matter related to Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on contract for five years at VNIT Nagpur.

The note from Estt. section along with a copies of appointment letters and contract documents signed by Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on five years contract at VNIT Nagpur is placed in **Annexure-XI**.

These faculty members could not reach to AGP Rs.8000/- i.e pay level 12 within a stipulated time of five years.

Hence, BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: BoG resolved to refer the matter to MHRD.

Accordingly, the letter no Admn./2697 dated 13th May 2019 and D/102 dated 28th August 2019 has been sent by VNIT Nagpur to MHRD seeking the clarification regarding extension of contract for these faculty members.

The note from Dean(Faculty Welfare) is enclosed in Annexure-XVI since the contract are getting completed 16th December 2019 onwards.

BoG is requested to deliberate.

Resolution: It is resolved that these Assistant Professor Grade II appointed on contract for five years at VNIT Nagpur be continued on contract basis for six months after the completion of present contract and meanwhile clarification should be sought from MHRD.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


Chairman



